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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.
- A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

The claims fee has been calculated as shown below:

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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	51	MINUS	* 53	0	X \$ 25	\$ [ ]	X \$50	\$ [ ]
INDEP	11	MINUS	** 11	0	X \$100	\$ [ ]	X \$200	\$ [ ]
<b>[ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM</b>								
* not fewer than 20					TOTAL= \$ <u>      0      </u>		TOTAL= \$ <u>      0      </u>	
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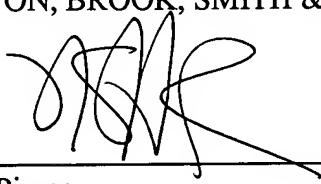
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Respectfully submitted,

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